

REMARKS

At the time of the final Office Action, claims 1-3, 5-10, 12, 13, 27, 28, 30, 32, 34-36 and 46-49 were pending in the application, of which claims 3, 5-8, 12, 13, 30, 32 and 34-36 were withdrawn from consideration. Applicant hereby requests amendment of claims 9 and 46. Claims 1-3, 5-8, 12, 13, 27, 28, 30, 32 and 34-36 are hereby canceled. Upon entry of this amendment, claims 9, 10 and 46-49 would remain in the application.

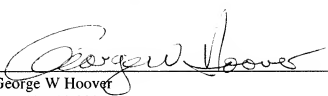
Independent claim 46 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Cotter or Sperry in view of Jacobs and Port. Claim 46 was the subject of several telephone conversations between the Examiner and the undersigned attorney. The courtesy and consideration provided by the Examiner during the course of these conversations is greatly appreciated. It is the undersigned attorney's understanding that entry of this amendment will place claim 46, together with the remaining claims depending therefrom, in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests entry of this amendment and issuance of a Notice of Allowance at the earliest possible date.

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